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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the theft of new-borns from the city`s hospitals and their illegal sale as reported in the Hindustan Times dated July 10, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(d): Health being a State subject regulation of private hospitals/nursing homes in Delhi comes under the purview of the Governemnt of NCT of Delhi.However, Delhi Police has informed that on receipt of secret information a decoy customer was sent to ISH Nursing Home/ISN Clinic RZ-12 Indira Park, Uttam Nagar for purchasing new born baby where Dr. ISH Aggarwal struck a dea and agreed to deliver of new born baby in lieu of Rs.50,000/-. There after the Doctor accepted Rs.20,000/- as advance and gave delivery of new born baby to decoy customer on 22.4.2003. Hence a case (FIR) was registered.During further investigation four kids were recovered and handed over to their parents.

In so far Central Government Hospitals in Delhi including AIIMS are concerned, no such case has been reportedHowever, adequate measures are taken to prevent any such incidence.